

## Law Enforcement Across Texas to Conduct a Roudup!

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HOUSTON, Texas – The City of Houston Police Department will be among more than 260 law enforcement jurisdictions across Texas, and 65 in the Gulf Coast region alone, that will be participating in the “2012 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up.”HPD and the Harris County Constables will join other regional participants in this statewide annual event, which officially begins Saturday, February 25, 2012, to look for individuals with outstanding warrants.

The City of Houston Municipal Courts Department, which for the 6th year is coordinating the efforts in this region, has thousands of active warrants it is seeking to clear. Municipal Courts officials are encouraging defendants to take advantage of the options available to settle outstanding warrants. No amnesty is being offered in conjunction with the Round-Up effort.

“This is a great opportunity to discuss your case with a judge and a prosecutor and learn about the many options available for case resolution before arrests begin February 25th,” said Presiding Judge Barbara E. Hartle.

Once the warrant period begins February 25th, HPD and other law enforcement agencies will aggressively target those persons on the warrant list and arrests can take place at any location, including the defendant’s home, school or workplace. Additionally, a special task force will focus solely on arresting those individuals whose parked vehicles have been documented multiple times at specific locations.

“The License Plate Recognition Program has been in pilot since March 2011 and has proven to be very successful in helping us locate scofflaws,” stated Judge Hartle. “With the assistance of

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law enforcement, we fully intend to use the entire scope of our resources, and we want to make everyone aware that ignoring your court matter is not an acceptable practice,” she added.

Notices are being mailed to all Houston Municipal Court defendants with active warrants.  
Citizens with warrants in juris

For more information about warrants or citations visit the website at [www.houstontx.gov/courts](http://www.houstontx.gov/courts) or contact City’s Helpline at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311 if outside the City of Houston.

### **How can I find out if I have warrants?**

For Houston Municipal Court warrants, dial Houston’s Helpline at 3-1-1, visit the website at [www.houstontx.gov/courts](http://www.houstontx.gov/courts). For information about warrants issued out of the Harris County Justice Courts, visit the Justice Court’s website at [www.jp.hctx.net](http://www.jp.hctx.net).

### **What are my options if I find out I do have warrants?**

You may pay the fine and court costs, or post a bond and have your case(s) reset for a new court date. You may also seek legal advice from an attorney.

### **If I come to court to pay, will I be arrested?**

No, citizens are encouraged to come in voluntarily to resolve cases during the Warrant Round-Up.

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### **Will there be an amnesty offered to reduce the cost of any of the fines or fees?**

Not at this time.

### **If I want to pay for my warrants, what are my payment options?**

Payment options for warrants issued by the City of Houston Municipal Courts are as follows:

ONLINE – <http://www.houstontx.gov/courts/OnlineTicketPayments.html>

BY PHONE – Call 713.221.0288 (24 hour payment line)

BY MAIL - Municipal Courts, P.O. Box 4996, Houston, TX 77210-4996

WESTERN UNION (use code Ticket Texas)

IN PERSON – at any of the six court locations

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Herbert W. Gee

Acres Homes/North Command Station

Clear Lake Sub-Station

Kingwood (Municipal Court Annex)

Southeast Command Station

Westside Command Station (Court 18)

### **Municipal Courthouse**

1400 Lubbock

Houston, TX 77002

Monday - Saturday

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7am to 10pm

713.247.5479

### ANNEX LOCATIONS

Acres Homes/North Command Station

9455 West Montgomery

Houston, TX 77088

Monday - Friday

8am to 5pm

281.405.5319

Clear Lake Sub-Station

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2855 Bay Area Boulevard

Houston, TX 77058

Thursday

8am to 5pm

281.283.4946

281.283.4947

Kingwood (Municipal Court Annex)

3915 Rustic Woods

Kingwood, Texas 77339-5203

Wednesday

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8am to 7pm

281.361.6574

\* Southeast Command Station

(Courts 13 & 14)

8300 Mykawa

Houston, TX 77048

Monday - Friday

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713.731.5155

713.731.5156

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\* Westside Command Station (Court 18)

3203 South Dairy Ashford

Houston, TX 77082-2320

NOTE: All courtrooms are closed Noon to 1 P.M.

Monday - Friday

8 am to 9pm

281.584.4889

For payment options for warrants in other jurisdictions, contact the appropriate Court for that area.



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### **What forms of payment do you accept?**

We accept cash, checks, money orders, American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.

### **After I pay, how long will it take for the information to be removed from DPS records?**

The Department of Public Safety will clear holds on driver's licenses within 7 to 10 business days. {jcomments on}